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CHAPTER VII.

feared they would impede the march of the fighting column over the muddy and bridgeless roads. Not securing the result from this fire for which he had hoped. Lee late in the afternoon determined upon forcing a crossing with his

my horse, I had in sight the enemy's wagons and men passing at double-quick along the Franklin pike. As those officers approached I spoke to Cheatham in the following words, which I quote almost verbatim, as they have remained indelibly engraved upon my memory ever since that fatal day: 'General, do you see the enemy there, retreating rapidly to escape us?" He answered in the affirmative. 'Go,' I continued, 'with your corps, take possession of and hold that pike at or near Spring Hill. Accept whatever comes, and turn all those wagons over to our side of the house.' Then addressing Cleburne, I said: 'General, you have heard the orders just given. You have one of my best divisions. Go with Gen. Cheatham, assist him in every way you can, and do as he di-General, do you see the enemy there McELROY.

With Gell. Cheatham, assist him in every way you can, and do as he directs.' Again, as a parting injunction to them, I added: 'Go and do this at following day having been issued to the will have him double-quick his men to



of the enemy, and rejoined their divi-sion at Spring Hill. It was then or-dered to Franklin, 12 miles farther to the north, and on the way the pickets protected the flank of the trains from attack from the enemy's cavalry.

Hood's Assault.

In "Advance and Retreat," Hood says that during Nov. 27 he studied the Federal intrenchments, which he found too strong to attack, and he therefore decided upon the flank move-ment to Spring Hill. If he could se-cure that, he would remove the only obstacle to the capture of Nashville and the only "barrier to the success of the campaign." He was confident that Schoffeld would be lulled into security by the strength of his position, and would therefore allow him to make the rapid left flank movement. Hood says:

vers. I had seen his corps made equal to 10 times its number by a sudden attack on the enemy's rear, and I hoped in this instance to be able to profit by the teaching of my illustrious country-As I apprehended unnecessary and fatal delay might be occasioned by the appearance of the enemy on the line of march to the rear, I decided to bridge the river that night, and move at dawn the next morning with Cheat-



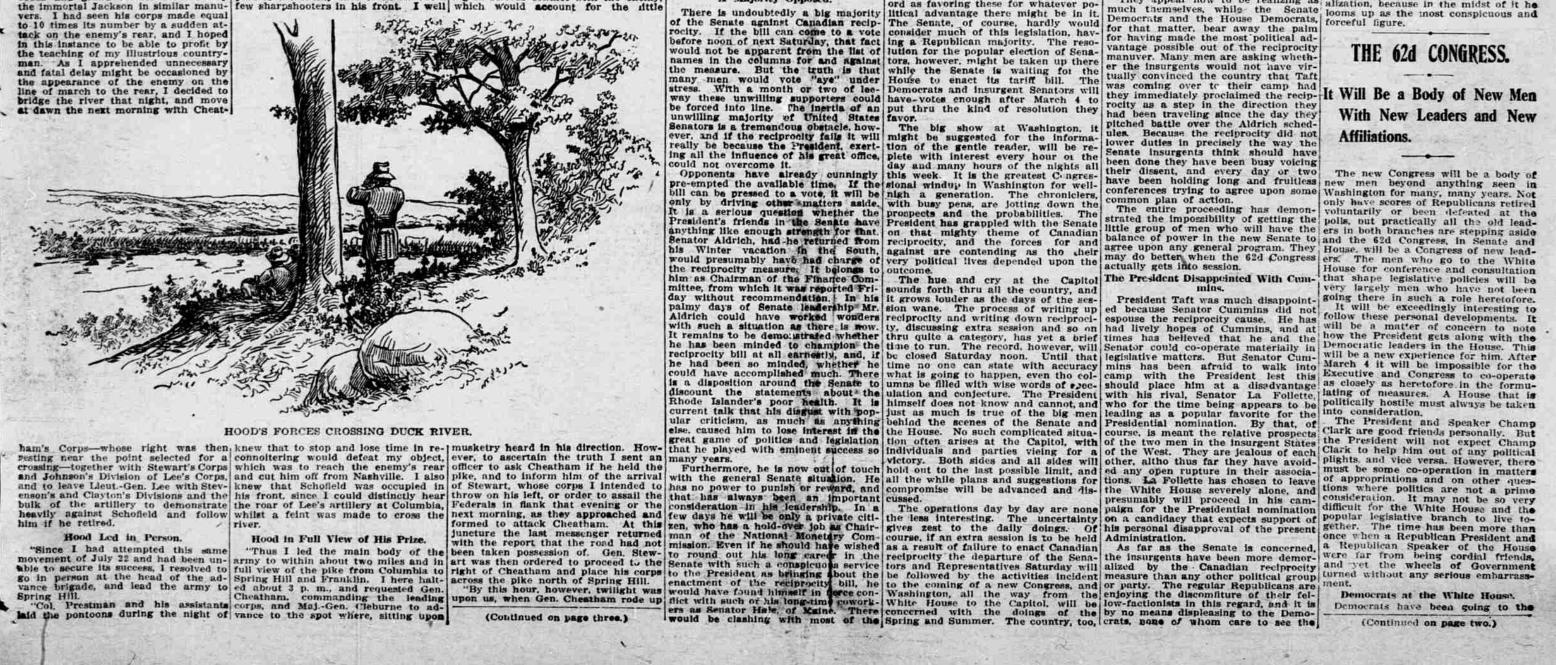
GEN. PATRICK R. CLEBURNE. skirmishers, who advanced at as rapid

ing possession of the pike at Spring Hill. It was reported back that he was about to do so.

No Sound of Battle.

"Listening attentively to the fire of the skirmishers in that direction, I discovered that there was no continued the skirmishers in that direction, I discovered that there was no continued to the gain of ittack at once, if he had not already so done, and take and hold possession have preached protection in season and out of season for years. Whatever the trusted another officer with the same popular demand for the reciprocity message, and, if my memory is not treacherous, finally requested the Gorreror of Tennessee, Isham G. Harris, the besten forward and impress upon conferences with the President about to hasten forward and impress upon the cheatham the importance of action without delay. I knew no large force of the enemy could be at Spring Hill, as couriers reported Schofield's main body still in front of Lee at Columbia it succeeds the saying ross here. Cheatham the importance of action without delay. I knew no large force movement. Hood says:

"The situation presented an occasion for one of those interesting and beautiful moves upon the chess board of war, to perform which I had often desired an opportunity. As stated in a letter to Gen. Longstreet, I urgently appealed for authority to turn the Federal left at Round Top Mountain. I had beheld with admiration the noble deeds and grand results achieved by the right fiank and was predeads and grand results achieved by the immortal Jackson in similar manuters. I had seen his corps made equal



## ENDING OF THE 61st CONGRESS.

Overwhelming Pressure in the Closing Week-Canadian Reciprocity Seems Dead-Majority of the Senate Against It-Opposition to an Extra Session-The End-of-the-Week Battle.

There is a feeling of relief that the New England Senators except those fag-end days of a Congressional sestion Massachusetts, sion have come at last. The hours for The End-of-the-Week Battle. disposing of public business are num-bered. Speculation as to how much as matters now stand, will come in the will be done or how little encounters very last days of the week. The recip-

All Against an Extra Session.

Republican Senators and Representatives, with rare exceptions, will destinate the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation because business is affected by the prospect of legislation and the prospect of legislation and the prospect of the prospect of the prospect of legislation and the legislation and wheal two comes will be prospected by the prospect of legislation because the legislation and wheal two comes will be prospected by the prospect of legislation and the legislation and the legislation and the legislation and the legislation and wheal the legislation and wheal the legislation and wheal two comes will be more or less premature of sections, will despite a superior of sections will despite a superior of the legislation and wheal the legislation and wheal the legislation and wheal the legislation and wheal two comes will be more or less premature of legislation and wheal the legislation and wheal the legislation and wheal the legislation and wheal two comes will be more or legislation and wheal the legislation and wheal Republican Senators and Represen-

tenacious in their opposition. They have preached protection in season and

it succeeds, as this saying goes, be-cause a majority of the Senate wants it that way. The outcome in such cases is more expressive of the real wishes of Senators than a recorded vote upon a roll call would be.

A Majority Opposed.

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The verdict seems to be that Canadian reciprocity is dead. There is yet abundant opportunity for its enactment. No one can say with assurance that it will not pass in time to reach the President's desk for signature. Nevertheless the opposition has created a situation which, except under very extraordinary circumstances, means the bill's defeat.

And that means an extra session, as most Washington officials infer. The world of talk to that effect of late has been made in no small part for influence upon recalcitrants of the Senate. The battle, of course, will be fought out with great bitterness all the week. The president will not yield till every resource at his command has been exhausted.

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If reciprocity is not law by noon of March 4 there will be a vigorous descent upon the White House. Once the battle is ended, as far as this Congress is concerned, the greatest political pressure the President has felt since he entered upon his present office will be applied to dissuade him from issuing his extra session proclamation.

A few souls believe he can be dissuaded. Possibly he could be, but in all probability he will not be. Thus far he has not committed himself publicly. There is no utterance from him of public record that he would hazard a second extra session during his Administration. But in his private office and elsewhere he has told so many people day after day that he certainly would call the extra session.

All Against an Extra Session.

The possibilities of debate on these measures would can ply suffice to keep the Senate running night and day for the rest of the session. It is very easy to encourage such debate, as no one the rest of the session. It is very easy to encourage such debate, as no one the rest of the session. It is very easy to encourage such debate, as no one the rest of the session. It is very easy to encourage such debate, as no one the rest of the session. It is very easy to encourage such debate, as no one the rest of the session. It is very easy to encourage such debate, as no one the rest of the session. It is very easy to encourage such debate, as no one the rest of the session. It is very easy to encourage such debate, as no one the there can be one pilogue unless he is entirely willing.

Reciprocity cannot pass, as he well knows, till there has been a modicum of debate. Few of the insurgent Senators can politically afford to allow a vote till they have opportunity to offer amendments and make speeches of explanation for the benefit of their constituents. Senator Hale has it in his power to say how little time shall be allowed for such discussion. He has hand upon the throat of their constituents, senator Hale has it in h to provide funds for the support of the

Government.

While extra-session gossip must con-

the end of March or into April. That will give the Democrats time to get ready. Usually a House coming in for an extra session to revise the tariff designates only a Ways and Means Committee, but the Democrats in their conferences with the President about extra-session prospects say they wish

There is no telling how much other legislation than tariff the House Democrats will attempt. They will have a long period of waiting while the Senate is discussing tariff, and if they adhere to present plans they may take up a variety of bills and seek to get on rec-



The Jam.

Over Canadian Reciprocity.

Senate insurgents have been losing important ground since President Taft injected Canadian—reciprocity into the Congressional situation. Their little coterie of two or three Presidential candidates and of half a dozen other aggressive advocates not only impaired aggressive advocates not only impaired the excellent impression they made during the session which enacted the Aldrich-Payne tariff, but by wrangling among themselves and by falling to avail themselves of splendid tactical avail themselves of splendid tactical come to him with terms. He is dealing blows on the Lorimer contest, and demonstrating these closing days that he

There is undoubtedly a big majority of the Senate against Canadian reciprocity. If the bill can come to a vote before noon of next Saturday, that fact would not be apparent from the list of names in the columns for and against the measure. But the truth is that many men would vote "aye" under stress. With a month or two of lectures. With a month or two of lectures. With a month or two of lectures. With a month or two of lectures willing supporters could be forced into line. The inertia of an unwilling majority of United States Senators is a tremendous obstacle, however, and if the reciprocity fails it will ever, and if the reciprocity fails it will ever the gentle reader, will be re-

is interested to know what the outcome will be, because business is affected by the prospects of legislation, and the captains of industry in no small degree consult the program at buoyed up too robustly. In other Washington in determining their own affairs.

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leagues have been actively protesting against reciprocity he has kept comparatively quiet, but is indicating a paratively quiet, but is indicating a purpose to renew his usual end-of-the-session activities. His fighting quali-ties of dauntless courage command the admiration nowadays of even the Pres-ident. It makes little difference to the Wisconsin Senator whether he is in the majority or minority, when he starts out to advocate a given proposition. Probably it is unfortunate for him that with such fighting qualities he is un-able to bring his insurgent brethren

opportunities have lost prestige at the Capitol as a great fighting factor in the Congressional situation.

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It Will Be a Body of New Men